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1. On 3 April 1953 the Haeju Airfield was 8 kilometers southeast of YC-375134 and undergoing reconstruction work which was started on 20 March 1953. The airfield had not been in use since 15 August 1945, but received much damage from United Nations bombings during the Korean conflict. Since 20 March 1953 one out of every 16 civilians, between the ages of 18 and 40, were mobilized to work on the airfield from 2000 to 2300 hours each night. Each person was required to bring his own tools, and he had to work five nights. Several laborers were killed by mines in the area.

2. On 15 June 1953 a North Korean airfield at YC-455100 in Yongyang-ni (N 38-00, E 125-47) (YC-4510), was undergoing reconstruction. Reconstruction was started in January 1953, but was stopped because of United Nations bombings. On 10 April 1953, reconstruction was resumed. Caves were constructed at the northern end of the airfield, and there were two MIG's in the caves. The caves were camouflaged with grass. Approximately 200 persons were mobilized to work on the airfield.

3. In mid-July 1953 the Yonggang (N 38-52, E 125-21) (YD-0404) airfield was undergoing reconstruction. Approximately 50 persons, equipped with 30 ox-carts, were mobilized to fill the holes in the field.

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